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Re: U.S. Application for:  
"Efficient Mixing of Sequential Prefetches with Random Access Data in a  
Preexisting LRU Cache"  
Inventor : K. F. Smith  
IBM Docket Number : SJO000044US1

Dear Brian,

Enclosed please find the disclosure and prior art search results for the above-referenced docket. Please prepare a patent application for this invention. Your inventor contact is Kevin Smith who can be reached at 408-256-8923. Note in particular the Kevin's comments on USP 5,706,467 and 5,452,440 in the enclosed email. Please contact this inventor as soon as possible to begin preparation of the application. The **filing deadline for this patent application is currently June 14, 2000 (three months)**. This is a preliminary filing deadline, you are responsible for following up regarding potential divulgation dates and statutory bar dates as needed to ensure the referenced patent application is filed so as to avoid any delays causing the loss of foreign or domestic filing rights. If you should anticipate any difficulty in filing the patent application before these deadlines please contact me.

The fees for preparation of this application should not exceed \$5,000. If you anticipate the patent application preparation fees may exceed this amount, please contact me immediately to discuss this before commencing or continuing preparation of this application.

Please let me know if you need anything further. Thank you for your assistance in filing this application.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures